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SUBJECT: GOS RECALLS AMBASSADOR FROM ALGIERS

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1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR DECEMBER 22 DISCUSSED RECALL
OF SPANISH AMBASSADOR FROM ALGIERS (REFTEL) WITH PEDRO
LOPEZ AGUIRREBENGOA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MFA FOR
CONTINENTAL ASIA AND AFRICA. IN EXPLAINING SPANISH
ACTION, LOPEZ STRESSED THAT GOS PATIENCE HAD SIMPLY
RUN OUT WITH THE ALGERIANS ON THIS ISSUE. FOR PAST
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TWO YEARS, HE SAID, THE ALGERIANS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO
LINK SAHARA PROBLEMS WITH THE QUESTION OF THE CANARIES.
WHILE NOT ALLOWING ITSELF TO BE INFLUENCED BY SUCH PRES-
SURE TACTICS, THE GOS HAD BEEN AS FORTHCOMING AS IT
COULD BE TO ALGIERS REGARDING THE SAHARA AND IT HAS
MAINTAINED STRICT NEUTRALITY ON THAT ISSUE. BUT
VARIOUS SPANISH GESTURES TOWARD THE ALGERIANS HAVE NOT

GARNERED ANYTHING FOR SPAIN.

2. ALGERIANS MUST BE MADE TO UNDERSTAND, LOPEZ CONTINUED, THAT THERE IS ENORMOUS INTERNAL DIFFERENCE FROM THE SPANISH POINT OF VIEW BETWEEN SAHARA, WHERE LEFT WING POLITICAL PARTIES IN SPAIN SUPPORT THE POLISARIO, AND THE CANARIES, WHERE ALL SPANIARDS ARE UNITED IN CONSIDERING THE ISLANDS AN INTEGRAL PART OF SPAIN. THERE IS NO HOPE AND NO BASIS FOR ULTIMATE CANARY INDEPENDENCE OR AFRICANIZATION OF THE PROBLEM, HE SAID.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION ON THIS SUBJECT DECEMBER 22, JUAN DURAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MFA FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS, ECHOED LOPEZ REMARKS AND ASSERTED THAT MADRID WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BE FLEXIBLE WITH ALGERIA ABOUT THIS. HE FURTHER EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INDIGNATION AT ACTIVITIES OF ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR HERE, WHICH HE SAID HAVE GONE FAR BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF DIPLOMATIC PROPRIETY. EATON

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